RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): May I know whether it is the policy of Government to institute Chairs to suit the convenience of particular communities?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I think it is more in the interest of the language than in the interests of the communities that Chairs for the study of languages are instituted.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): May I know whether there is any Chair for the study of Arabic in any other colleges in the Madras Presidency?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: In regard to this question, allow me to make one observation. The Government member is bound, in strictness, to answer only such questions relating to facts and circumstances as they are in Travancore. It may be good that the Government member should make researches into what is done in other places, but that is a matter of option. The information with regard to what obtains in the outside world may be gained by the member himself.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): With your permission, Sir, I have to offer a word of explanation. I welcome any further information from the Government member if he has. It is only in that spirit I put my question.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) അനുബന്ധ ചോദ്യം വേണമെന്നുള്ളതിന് എന്തെങ്കിലും അപേക്ഷകം കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): അതിപ്പോൾ പറയുവാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല. ഡയറക്ടർക്കോ ഗവണ്മെൻറിനോ അപേക്ഷകൾകിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടായിരിക്കാം. I claim notice.

Allotment for Minor Irrigation in Nedumangad taluk.

49. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any allotment is made in this year's P. W. D. Budget for carrying out the urgent works of minor irrigation in Nedumangad taluk and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the reason for the same?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): (*a*) There is an allotment of Rs. 7,000 for the restoration of Protective Irrigation works in the Trivandrum East Sub-Division, under item No. 199, Part II, of the current year's Budget, and the funds required for works relating to the Nedumangad taluk are expected to be found from that allotment.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether Government are aware of the hopeless condition of tanks improved by the Minor Irrigation Department?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I disallow the question.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government are aware that the improvement of tanks by the Minor Irrigation Department is useless?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether there was any complaint to Government about the improvement of works for minor irrigation?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): There was a complaint and the matter has been referred to the Executive Engineer.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Chief Engineer inspected the tank concerned upon that complaint?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I claim notice.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know whether a list has been prepared of the works that are to be attended to from this year in the matter of minor irrigation. I heard the Chief Engineer to say that, out of the funds allotted for the Trivandrum East Sub-Division, certain amounts were spent.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: What the official member said is not to be forgotten so soon.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): I just want to know whether what I thought was what he said. I little suggested that he does not remember what he said. I wish to know whether the Chief Engineer has prepared a list of the works that are to be taken up for improvement from this year in the Trivandrum East Sub-Division?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): No list has been prepared; but an amount to the extent of Rs. 7,000 has been allotted, out of which a portion may be diverted for improvements in that taluk.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know, is it not the practice, that as soon as the Budget is passed, the amount for each work is ascertained so that a list can be prepared according to funds available, and the works proceeded with?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): That is for the Executive Engineers to do.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Am I to take it that the Chief Engineer is not aware of that?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Yes.

List of Minor Irrigation Works in Nedumangad taluk.

50. **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to furnish a list of the *chiras* and tanks improved in Nedumangad taluk under minor irrigation since six years?

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